

NSC BRIEFING

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OFFSHORE ISLANDS

I. Situation in islands very quiet for past three weeks.

A. Sporadic shelling of Ichiang (north of Tachens) and Quemoy continues, and Communist planes still patrol over Tachens.

B. Heavy seas and winter monsoons will make attacks difficult, but there is still possibility of invasion of Quemoy or other islands close to coast.

II. Chinese Communists taking steps to improve capabilities for future operations against islands, and possibly Formosa.

A. Roads in Fukien (opposite Formosa) being improved to ease problem of logistics in area where there are no railroads and where sea supply cannot be guaranteed.

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